

GIRLS SUE TO ENTER CLASSES AT U. OF MD.

Two Students Ask Mandamus Compelling Reinstatement In School By Dr. Woods.

SORORITY AFFAIR INVOLVED

Institution Head States He Ordered Students To Quit Organisation.

Writs of mandamus, compelling their reinstatement as students at the University of Maryland, are asked by two girls in petitions filed yesterday in City Court. The girls charge that when they appeared at the beginning of the fall term to register they were refused admittance to the university.

Judge H. Arthur Stump signed an order requiring Dr. Albert F. Woods, president of the university, and the board of regents to show cause by November 13 why mandamus should not be issued.

Girls' Parents File Petitions.

The girls are Miss Vivian V. Simpson, of the District of Columbia, and Miss Virginia Flanagan, of McKeesport, Pa. As they are not of age, the petitions were filed through their fathers.

The girls assert in their petitions that they completed successfully the first and second years of university work and conducted themselves in accordance with university rules. When they tried to register, the petition relates, they were told to see Dr. Woods, who refused to permit their entrance.

Action Without Excuse.

Dr. Woods' refusal is called an unwarranted and arbitrary exercise of authority in the petition, which declares his action to be wholly without excuse, provocation or justification and contrary to all principles of justice and equity.

The girls, it is said, were asked by Dr. Woods to resign from Chi Omega Sorority, an organization of students unrecognized by university authorities because of alleged irregularity in its formation. When they refused, it was said, Dr. Woods denied them permission to enter.